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THe most Serene and most Mighty Prince and Lord, *Charles* the Second, King of *Great Britain*, and the High and Mighty Lords the States General of the *United Netherlands*, reflecting with much grief and trouble on the miseries and calamities of the War which is lately broken out in the Borders between the two Crowns, and which spreading its flame in the Neighbourhood, if not timely prevented, will by an inevitable consequence involve the greatest part of the Princes and States of Christendom in the same evils, have thought they should be much wanting to that duty God hath injoyned them, if now that they have by his mercy so happily renewed and restored the ancient Friendship and Alliance between *Great Britain* and the *United Netherlands*, and at the same time established a

Peace between four powerful States, who were parties in that bloudy Warre, they should not employ, and with all diligence apply themselves to settle those differences that have arisen between the said two Crowns, and particularly for the quenching the flame of that Warre upon the Confines. And therefore the most Serene King of *Great Britain*, and the High and Mighty States of the *Low-Countreys*, having after much pains and great Instance, obtained from the most Christian King, a Promise to the said States General, That he will forthwith and from this time forward lay down his Arms, on condition the *Spaniards* be ready, formally and solemnly by a Treaty of Peace, to quit to him all those Places and Forts, together with the Chastellenyes and their Appurtenances, which he has by force of Armes taken in, or fortifi'd in the last years Expedition, or otherwise that they be brought to transfer to him all the remainder of their Right to the *Duchy* of *Luxemburgh* (or to the County of *Burgundy*) together with *Cambray* and [illegible], *Douay*, *Ayre*, *St. Omers*, *Bergue St. Winox*, *Furnes*, and *Link*, with the Bailywicks, Chastellenyes, and all other their dependencies, and in this last Case, the most Christian King to be obliged to restore to the King of *Spain*, all Places and Territories which the *French* have by their Armes taken since their entrance into *Flanders*, On this Condition, That the High and Mighty Lords the States General, do reciprocally undertake and secure to the most Christian King, that by reasons and other means they will prevail with the *Spaniards* to consent to the same Conditions: They have thought, that in this season and conjuncture of

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affairs, they should employ themselves very advantagiously, not onely for the Interest of both the said Kings, but of all other neighbouring Princes and States, if by their joynt Counsels and endeavours they should exhort, and as much as in them lies, obliege the two before-mentioned Crowns, to make Peace upon the Articles and Conditions aboveſaid: To which end, We whose Names are here subscribed, by virtue of our respective Powers, and in pursuance of our Instructions, have agreed upon these following Points and Articles.

II.

THat the King of *Great Britain* and the States General of the *United Netherlands*, joyntly or severally (but always with communication of Counsels, and according to what shall be agreed on between them) use all possible diligence and industry with the most Christian King, to induce him by a solemn Treaty, in the best and most authentick Form, to promise and engage to the King of *Great Britain* and the States General of the *United Provinces*, to make a Treaty of Peace with the King of *Spain*, without any Exception or Reserve for any cause or pretence whatsoever, if the King of *Spain* can be induced or prevailed with by the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States*, to quit to the most Christian King either those places taken from them the last year by force of Armes in the *Netherlands*, or an Equivalent by the delivery of the places abovementioned, or some others

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in ſtead thereof, according as the Parties concerned ſhall mutually agree between themſelves.

II.

That the moſt Chriſtian King conſent to a Ceſſation of Arms in the *Netherlands* till the end of *May*, that in the mean while the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* may uſe their beſt endeavour and diligence with the King and Queen of *Spain* and their Council, to conſent to the aforeſaid Articles and Conditions.

III.

But that the moſt Chriſtian King may not upon any juſt reaſon refuſe the Ceſſation of Arms, the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* ſhall obliege themſelves by the ſame Treaty, that *Spain* ſhall quit to *France* all that the *French* Forces took from them the laſt year, or ſuch Equivalent, as ſhall on both ſides be agreed to.

IV.

That the moſt Chriſtian King be induced and prevailed with, to reſt ſatisfied in the aforeſaid Promiſe, and to rely upon it; ſo, as not for the future to make any farther Warre in the *Low-Countries*: But if contrary to all hopes and expectations, the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* cannot by their inſtances and intreaties prevail with the *Spaniards*, before the

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end of *May* next ensuing, to consent to the aforesaid Conditions, and that consequently it be necessary to come to wayes of more efficacy; nevertheless the *French* shall not make, or bring the War within or upon the Borders of the said *Netherlands*; but the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* shall engage and undertake themselves to do whatever shall be necessary effectually to oblige the *Spaniards* to accept of Peace upon the Conditions aboveſaid; and so, it shall not be free for the most Christian King to exercise any Acts of Hostility in the said Countreys, nor to take any Town, though it should willingly surrender it self, unless the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* forbear and omit to do what is abovementioned.

V.

That upon a Peace made between the two Crowns, not onely the King of *Great Britain* and the *United States* shall be Warranties for it in the best, ampleſt and secureſt Form that may be, but also the Emperour, and all the Neighbouring Kings and Princes, who shall think it their interest to keep the Peace of Christendom undisturbed, and to restore the *Low-Countryes* to their former tranquility. To which end the distinct number of military Forces shall be agreed upon, together with such other means as shall be fit to be used against either of the parties who shall break or violate the Peace, oblieging him to ceaſe the violence, and repair the party injured.

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VI.

All these Articles agreed upon, and all and every thing therein conteined, shall be confirmed and ratified by the said Lord the King of *Great Britain*, and the said Lords the States General of the *United Provinces*, by Letters Patents on each side, under their Great Seals, in due and authentick form, within the space of four weeks next ensuing, or sooner if it may be, and mutual Instruments of Ratification Exchanged within the same time.

In witness of all and singular the things herein conteined, and for the fuller corroboration of these Articles, We have hereunto set our Hands and Seals. At the *Hague* in *Holland* Jan. $\frac{31}{21}$ 1668.

FINIS.